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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD IN THE STUDENTS' OBSERVATORY, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 25, 1909, AT 7:30 P. M.

A quorum was present. In the absence of President W. W. Campbell, Professor R. G. Aitken was called to the chair.

Dr. T. J. J. See, of the Naval Observatory, Mare Island, presented to the Board a brief synopsis of the following papers:—

"The cause of the outstanding secular acceleration in the mean motion of the Moon and of the recently discovered indication of a secular acceleration in the mean motion of the Sun."

"The capture theory of satellites, with application to the planets of the Solar System, including the case of our own Moon."

The following were elected to membership:-

CHARLES C. CONROY.

A. H. MARKWART.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC HELD IN HEARST HALL, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 25, 1909, AT 8:00 P. M.

By courtesy of the President of the University of California, this meeting was held in conjunction with the Summer Session of the University. In the absence of President W. W. CAMPBELL, the meeting was called to order by Professor R. T. CRAWFORD, who introduced Professor R. G. AITKEN, of Lick Observatory, as the speaker of the evening.

Professor AITKEN delivered a most interesting and instructive popular lecture upon the subject "The evolution of modern astronomy," illustrated with lantern slides.

There were present about three hundred people.